

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/IB2004/051062

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 F41A9/43

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 980 181 A (ASBURY) 3 January 1911 (1911-01-03) column 3, line 5 - column 10, line 121; figures 1-24 -----	1-12, 18-22
X	US 889 321 A (MEIGS ET AL.) 2 June 1908 (1908-06-02) column 1, line 33 - column 3, line 6; figures 1-5 -----	1-12, 18-22
X	US 5 895 880 A (GOLDEN) 20 April 1999 (1999-04-20) cited in the application column 3, line 18 - column 5, line 51; figures 1-6 -----	1-4, 18-21
A	column 3, line 18 - column 5, line 51; figures 1-6 -----	8,9,11, 12
A	US 904 966 A (KNOCH) 24 November 1908 (1908-11-24) -----	

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 23

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

This invention relates to an ammunition loading assembly (10) for loading a projectile (12) into a barrel (14) of a gun comprising an urging member (16) for urging the projectile (12) into the said barrel (14). The assembly (10) further includes a drive means (18) for driving the urging member (16) between a projectile receiving position outside the barrel (14) and a projectile delivery position inside the chamber (20) of the gun. The drive means (18) includes a drive chain assembly (22), for driving the urging member (16) between the projectile receiving and delivery positions. The drive chain assembly (22) is rigid in all directions but one, the arrangement being such that the drive chain assembly (22) pushes the urging member (16) from the projectile receiving position to the projectile delivery position and pulls the urging member (16) from the projectile delivery position to the projectile receiving position. The assembly further includes first and second chain-retaining devices (42,44) for limiting curving of the chain assembly and guiding the chain when moving out of the magazine.

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)			Publication date
US 980181	A	NONE			
US 889321	A	NONE			
US 5895880	A	20-04-1999	AU WO	2084899 A 9918816 A2	03-05-1999 22-04-1999
US 904966	A	NONE			